

A G E N D A

OF THE LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

-MEETING, DECEMBER 15, 1964

1. Approval of Meeting - November 12, 1964 (2)
- ✓ 2. Approval and ratification of contract #5551 - Construction of boat launching ramp on Bayou D'Arbonne Lake at south end of dam, Union Parish - H & H Dirt Contractors, Inc. (2)
- ✓ 3. Acceptance of work on Contract No. 5539 for Boat Launching Ramp on Black Lake, Natchitoches Parish, C.E. Williams Construction Co. Inc. (3)
- ✓ 4. Acceptance of work on contract No. 5543 for Boat Launching Ramp at Little River, Grant Parish, Pamper Corporation. (4)
- ✓ 5. Tensas River Project = Invitation of Tensas ^{Parish} Basin Police Jury to view area. (4)
- ✓ 6. Alligator Season - petition for change of season. (6)
- ✓ 7. Film - MARSHES OF THE MISSISSIPPI - Request authorization to sell prints - Avalon Daggett Productions. (8)
- ✓ 8. Ratification - closing doe season in East Carroll, Madison, West Carroll and Franklin Parishes, as per resolution of Legislature. (8)
9. Applications for permits and leases:
 - ✓ a) St. Catherine Gravel Company, Mississippi River, request for renewal of sand and gravel lease. (11)
 - ✓ b) Ganco Materials application to dredge for sand and gravel vicinity of Profit Island, Mississippi River. (13)
 - ✓ c) Ouachita Towing and Gravel Inc., application to change location of a dredging operation now held under an existing permit, Ouachita River. (14)
- ✓ 10. Resolution to pay two panel attorneys out of Wild Life and Fisheries Commission funds. (16)
- ✓ 11. Other business.

Reopen Rockefeller Refuge for trapping nutria (17)

**PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

DECEMBER 14 and 15, 1964

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, December 14 and 15, 1964.

The informal meeting held on Monday, December 14, 1964, consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs on general department matters and the preparation of the Agenda for the Public Meeting.

The Public Meeting was held at 10:00 A.M., on Tuesday, December 15, 1964, in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, La.

Members present at both meetings were as follows:

- ✓ Ray Whatley, Chairman
- ✓ John Edwin Kyle Jr., Vice-Chairman
- ✓ A. J. Buquet
- ✓ John Paul Crain
- ✓ H. B. Fairchild
- Jimmie Thompson
- H. Clay Wright

Absent:

None

Chairman Whatley called the meeting to order and stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting, held on November 12, 1964, in Krotz Springs, Louisiana, was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

Chairman Whatley called on Mr. Joe Herring relative to the first Item on the Agenda.

Mr. Herring requested Commission ratification of approval of contract #5551 for the construction of boat launching ramp on Bayou D'Arbonne Lake, at the South end of dam, in Union Parish. He stated the ramps and parking areas are to be constructed with Accelerated Public Funds, 50% Federal and 50% State.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission does hereby formally ratify the approval of Contract No. 5551 for the construction of boat launching ramp on Bayou D'Arbonne, at the South end of dam, in Union Parish, H. & H. Dirt Contractors, Inc., Contractor, in the amount of \$20,068.25.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents in connection

therewith.

The next item on the Agenda was acceptance of the following contracts:

Contract No. 5539, Black Lake Boat Launching Ramp, Natchitoches Parish.

Contract No. 5543, Little River Boat Launching Ramp, Grant Parish.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5539, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and C.E. Williams Construction Co. Inc. for the construction of Boat Launching Ramp and Parking Area on Black Lake, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by C.E. Williams Construction Co. Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5539, with said Commission, dated October 8, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of

Natchitoches, Louisiana.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5543, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Pamper Corporation for the construction of Boat Launching Ramp and Parking Area on Little River, in Grant Parish, and has recommended that same be accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Pamper Corporation, Contractor, under Contract No. 5543, with said Commission, dated October 13, 1964, be and the same is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director under date of Nov. 24, 1964, wherein he filed notice of acceptance with the Clerk of Court in Grant Parish, be and the same is hereby approved and ratified.

Chairman Whatley stated the next item on the Agenda was the Tensas River Project. He stated the Commission previously had discussions on this project and we were on

record as opposing the work to be done on this River, and he called upon Mr. Yancey for comments.

Mr. Yancey stated that on September 22, 1964, the Commission adopted a resolution opposing the U.S. Corps of Engineers drainage plan for the Tensas River and copies of the resolution were sent to the Louisiana Congressional delegation, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, the Department of Public Works, the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and all other interested parties. This position was voiced because damages to fish and wildlife resources would result, particularly on the 115,000 acre Chicago Mill Game Management Area. He stated this project has attracted widespread attention in Northeast Louisiana and he had attended two public hearings which were called by the Fifth Louisiana Levee District, at Tallulah and at St. Joseph. He stated there was widespread opposition to the project in Tensas and Madison Parishes, as both Police Juries had adopted resolutions against the project; that Concordia Parish adopted a neutral position; but that East Carroll Parish was for this project; that, evidently, they had drainage problems.

Mr. Yancey stated that last week at the Fifth Louisiana Levee District Hearing, held in St. Joseph, there were about 60 people present, including legislators, police jury delegations, timber growers, farmers and city officials from

Tensas, Madison, Franklin and Concordia Parishes, and there was unanimous opposition to the project. Because of widespread interest in this project, the Tensas Parish Police Jury extended an invitation to the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Members to use their camp on the Tensas River to view the damage that would be done if this project would be accomplished.

Chairman Whatley stated he did not know what more we could do since we were already on record as opposing the plan.

Mr. Yancey stated that the Chicago Mill people are also vigorously opposing this project as they are trying to grow timber on their lands.

It was agreed that a letter of thanks would be written to Mr. E. R. McDonald, Sr., President of the Tensas Parish Police Jury, thanking them for the invitation and the use of their camp to view the River, but that since we were already on record as opposing the project, there was not much more we could do.

Director Hair was called upon relative to petition for changing the alligator season.

Director Hair read the following petition with 65 signatures:

"We the undersigned parties of the Central and Northern part of the State of Louisiana herewith enlist your help. We come to you in good faith about getting back our alligator season, which was closed this year for no reason whatsoever.

"We have plenty of alligators in Central and Northern Louisiana and these valuable animals are being destroyed by fishermen and other outdoor sportsmen and no one is getting any benefit from them.

"We are asking for a legal right to catch alligators five feet and longer with hooks and lines only in day time. We have never had an open season North of Evangeline Parish and we commercial fishermen and trappers feel that we are being denied a right that is justly ours.

"We would appreciate your taking this matter into your consideration and giving us an open season on alligators this coming year. If we could have any choice in setting the season length and date, it would be about a ninety day season, starting April 15 and closing July 15.

"We cannot get this done alone. Will you help us?"

Director Hair stated the petition was sent to Senator Jack Fruge', who, in turn, sent it to the Commission for attention.

Chairman Whatley stated that the Commission closed the alligator season because we were trying to bring them back. He stated that there are not many alligators in this Central Louisiana area as he was from the area mentioned, and he knew that the areas which would be most productive would be the coastal areas.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Crain, and unanimously adopted, the request to open the alligator

season in Central and Northern Louisiana was denied.

Chairman Whatley stated the next item was request of Avalon Daggett Productions to sell prints of film - MARSHES OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Chairman Whatley stated we have exclusive rights on this film which we have had for several years, and Miss Daggett stated that the Department of Education wanted to use this film in conjunction with their Conservation films in educational projects.

Mr. Steve Harmon was called upon and he stated that Miss Daggett requested authorization to sell 18 copies to the Department of Education, and that he recommended that she be given authority to sell the films since they will be used in educational programs.

On motion of Mr. Crain, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and unanimously adopted, the request of Avalon Daggett Productions to sell 18 prints of the film "MARSHES OF THE MISSISSIPPI" to the Department of Education, was approved.

The next item on the Agenda was the ratification of the closure of the doe hunting season in East Carroll, Madison, West Carroll and Franklin Parishes during the 1964-65 deer season, which was announced on November 25, 1964.

Chairman Whatley stated that on November 24th, the following resolution was received and telegram sent to all Board Members:

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 31. BY: MR. DELONY AND
SENATORS MYRICK, JONES,
BROWN AND GILBERT.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Relative to the taking of does in the Parishes of East Carroll, West Carroll, Morehouse, Franklin and Madison.

WHEREAS, the Constitution and laws of this State long have recognized the value to the public good of preserving and protecting the wild life of the various parishes of the State, and the Legislature long since established the public policy of the state to be the practice of sound conservation measures aimed at achieving in all areas of the state such conservation practices as are needed to properly protect and ensure replenishment of the deer and other wild animals which make their habitat within our borders, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has from time to time enacted laws aimed particularly at protecting and conserving deer in this state as well as other wild life and has delegated to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission the duty and function of enforcing these laws and adopting rules and regulations necessary to achieve the basic

purpose of conservation of such wild life as does, and WHEREAS, there exists a situation in several parishes under which hunters are depleting or endangering the supply of deer in these areas by the taking of does, and such situation has existed for some time despite repeated petitions and requests on the part of the people of the several parishes and on the part of the legally constituted governing authority of said parishes that hunters not be permitted to take does within the parishes, and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that immediate steps be taken by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to establish rules and regulations which will prohibit the taking of wild does within any portion of the several parishes and that such rules and regulations be enforced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana, the Senate thereof concurring, that the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission be and it is hereby directed to immediately withdraw their ruling as to the taking of deer in the Game Management Area and to issue instructions that there will be no deer taken in any portion of the Parishes of East Carroll, West Carroll, Morehouse, Franklin and Madison Game Management or otherwise.

(SIGNED) VAIL DELONEY
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

(SIGNED) C.C. AYCOCK
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND PRESIDENT OF THE
SENATE."

Telegram sent to all Board Members on Nov. 24, 1964

"The Legislature today approved a resolution directing the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to close East Carroll, Madison, West Carroll and Franklin Parishes to the taking of either sex deer. A poll of the Commission will be made tomorrow morning by telephone to decide on this matter according to Ray Whatley, Chairman.

(Signed) R.K. Yancey, Assistant Director"

The Board members were polled by telephone with the following results.

Yeas: Messrs. Whatley, Kyle, Fairchild, Thompson and Wright.

Nays: Messrs. Duquet and Crain.

Motion carried.

Therefore, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and carried, the closing of the doe season on November 25, 1964, in East Carroll, Madison, West Carroll and Franklin Parishes, as per resolution of the Legislature, was ratified.

Dr. St. Asant was called to the floor relative to applications received by his Division.

Dr. St. Asant read the following letter, dated November 20, 1964, from the St. Catherine Gravel Company:

"This is to notify you that we wish to exercise our right and privilege to renew our lease with you for an additional period.

"We enclose herewith our check No. 6701 in the amount of \$3,000.00 an advance royalty payment.

Yours very truly,

ST. CATHERINE GRAVEL COMPANY

(SIGNED) John R. Junkin, President"

Dr. St. Amant stated that this is a request to exercise the option in the present lease, held by St. Catherine Gravel Company to renew said lease for a period of one year. Those areas under lease and which are to be renewed are as follows:

Tract #1 - on the west bank of Yucatan Cut-Off containing 640 acres.

Tract #2 - on the west bank of the Mississippi River to Buckridge Light containing 640 acres.

Tract #3 - at a point near Ursino Light containing 640 acres.

He stated this application for the exercise of the option in the existing lease meets all of the requirements set forth by this Commission, and he recommended that the lease be renewed.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of St. Catherine Gravel Company to renew their lease in the Mississippi River, be granted, for a period of one year, in the following areas;

Tract #1 - On the west bank of Yucatan Cut-off containing 640 acres.

Tract #2 - On the west bank of the Mississippi River to Buckridge Light, containing 640 acres.

Tract #3 - At a point near Ursino Light containing 640 acres.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant read the following letter from Canco Materials Inc., 510 Raymond Bldg., Baton Rouge, La.:

"The following information is furnished in application for a permit to dredge sand and gravel:

- 1) Canco Materials, Inc. is a Louisiana Corporation domiciled in East Baton Rouge Parish. This organization is wholly owned by Robley P. Guidry, Houma, Louisiana, Roy Auccin, Bourg, Louisiana, and Edward W. Norton of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The capital assets and equipment for this operation are valued at an estimated \$200,000.
- 2) The proposed dredging site to be located in the Mississippi River area known as Profit Island and is indicated on the attached map.
- 3) The principal address of this corporation is at 510 Raymond Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana - mailing address Post Office Box 66274, Baton Rouge Louisiana.
- 4) The principal unloading sites are located on the intracoastal waterways at Houma, Louisiana, and Morgan City, Louisiana.
- 5) It is proposed to use one diesel electric powered suction dredge measuring approximately 115 feet by 32 feet using a 14 inch suction. The hull and mechanical equipment are in first class condition.

- 6) Transportation of material will be accomplished using fifteen 110 foot barges and two tugs; or in such number as are required by production.
- 7) The proposed amount of material to be dredged annually is estimated at 100,000 cubic yards.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Edward W. Norton Jr."

Dr. St. Amant stated that Canco Materials Inc. made application for a permit to dredge sand and gravel in the vicinity of Profit Island in the Mississippi River and that the application had been examined and found to meet all requirements set forth by the Commission and he recommended that the permit be granted.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Canco Materials Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, for a permit to dredge sand and gravel in the vicinity of Profit Island, in the Mississippi River, be granted, and that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant read the following letter from the Ouachita Towing and Gravel Inc., Lake Village, Arkansas, dated November 12, 1964:

"We are hereby requesting permission from your Commission to delete the portion of our sand and gravel permit that covers from River Mile 201 to 203. After testing the locations, we would like to delete the above mentioned portion and have from River Mile 222.5 to 226 instead.

"This location seems to yield a better grade of gravel and is nearer our unloading facilities which will enable us to produce more material.

"Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) James M. Tennyson,
Treasurer"

Dr. St. Amant stated this is a request for permission to change the location of a dredging operation now held under an existing permit granted by this Commission to the Ouachita Towing and Gravel Inc. He stated it is requested that that portion of the permit covering River Mile 201 to 203 in the Ouachita River be deleted and a new area between River Mile 222.5 and 226 be granted.

Dr. St. Amant stated that they had examined this request and found that it met all requirements set forth by the Commission, and recommended that permission be granted to change the existing permit to this new location.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of the Ouachita Towing and Gravel Inc. to change the location of a dredging opera-

tion now held under an existing permit be granted; that the portion of the permit covering River Mile 201 to 203 be deleted and a new area between River Mile 222.5 and 226 be inserted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Chairman Whatley called for a resolution to pay the two panel attorneys for the Ward-McIlhenny litigation, out of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission funds. He stated this concerns the suit we have had with Ward-McIlhenny for the past several years; that in the past these funds were derived from other sources because it was felt that actually the State of Louisiana had a great deal to do with this case. However, we were now requested to pay the salaries of the two attorneys from funds of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to pay the legal fees for the two attorneys, Leo Wertheimer, in the amount of \$10,000 per annum, and George Stringer, Jr., in the amount of \$6,000.00 per

annum, plus expenses and costs, in connection with the defense of the Davis S. Ward et al vs. Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, Civil Action 8358, U. S. District Court, out of the funds of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, for the period beginning November 1, 1964.

Mr. Frank Klein, department Attorney since November 1, 1964, was introduced to the Board Members and the audience. Mr. Klein acknowledged the introduction/

Mr. Ensminger was called to the floor and he stated in view of the fact that the Commission has decided to initiate an intensive fur management program in Louisiana, he would like to recommend that the Rockefeller Refuge be opened to the taking of nutria for the remaining of this season; that in addition, an effort will be made to secure trappers to remove nutria from Marsh Island and State Wildlife Refuges.

On motion of Mr. Duquet, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the action taken on October 27, 1964, closing Rockefeller Refuge to the taking of fur bearing animals, be rescinded, and that the area be opened to trapping for the remainder of the 1964-65 season.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Mr. Sugnet, seconded by Mr. Wright, the meeting adjourned.



J. D. Hair Jr., Director & Secretary

